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RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR RULEMAKING

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Agency Name: Virginia Department of Health

Chapters affected:

VAC No. <i>(e.g., 4 VAC 20-490):</i>	Chapter Name <i>(e.g., Regulations Pertaining to Sharks):</i>
12 VAC 5-410	Regulations for the Licensure of Hospitals in Virginia

Statutory Authority: 32.1-12 of the Code of Virginia

Name of petitioner: Virginia Council for periOperative Nurses (Ruth E. Vaiden)

Nature of petitioner's request: Amend section 420 of the regulation to require that a registered nurse, licensed by the Board of Nursing and qualified by education and experience in perioperative nursing, be present as a circulating nurse during surgical procedures.

INITIAL AGENCY NOTICE

Agency's plan for disposition of the request: To conduct a public comment period to determine the impact on patient care. A decision to grant or deny the petition will be based on analysis of the comments received and reviewed with the Board of Health at its Fall 2004 meeting.

Comments may be submitted until Monday, July 5, 2004 at 5:00 p.m.

AGENCY DECISION

☐ **Request Granted**

☐ **Request Denied**

Statement of reasons for decision:

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